**Minutes**

**Colorado NAHRO**

**Colorado NAHRO Board of Directors**

**Board Meeting of July 16, 2019**

**9:30 – 11:00 am, Metro West Housing Solutions**

1. **Welcome and Call to Order**

President Gladwell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. As there was a quorum, the following business was transacted.

Board Members Present:

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| Troy Gladwell | Penny Hannegan | Daniel Murray  |
| Joan Smith (phone) | Chad Wright (phone) | Carol McGrath  |
| Ed Talbot | Emily Sander (phone) | Dave Martens |
| Masouda Omar | Ted Ortiviz  |  |
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Guests- Rosemary Rodriguez and Gillian Winbourn from *Together We Count*;

Stella Madrid, DHA

1. **Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2019**

Troy Gladwell made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Masouda Omar. All in favor.

1. **President’s Report – Ted Ortiviz**

Ted outlined some of his goals for the 2019-2021 term of office. These include:

* Brining in a new hire as Outreach Coordinator
* Evaluate blending one day of Maintenance and Management conferences
* Create more access for Commissioners; create a Commissioners Corner on webpage
* Justify dues increase by doing more trainings around the state

Stella commented that combining Maintenance and Management can be a burden to certain properties in terms of staffing. Suggested that we do more overlapping session content but keep conference separate.

1. **Census Presentation from Together We Count-** **rosemary@togetherwecount.org**Together We Count focuses exclusively on hard to count communities and is sponsored by Rose Communities.
* Three ways to respond to Census: internet, mail and phone
* There is less federal funding this round; difference made up from state funding
* 2020 Timeline: March- mail; April 1 is Census Day; May – July is door to door; finish by Dec 31
* $6 million investment in Colorado administered by DOLA; HAs will be notified in April; August 15 grant notices posted by DOLA; applications due by Sep 15; awards made by Nov 1 and must be spent by June 30, 2019; online application
* Looking for education, outreach, building infrastructure to gather information
1. **Financial Report-YTD Financials**- Carol McGrath reported that the cash balance of all accounts is $202,069 through 6/30-19. The high cash balance reflects conference income and membership dues without having paid the Marriott invoice for the May conference.

Ed Talbot motioned for approval of the financial report, seconded by Troy Gladwell. All in favor.

1. **Old Business Updates**
2. **2019 Conference Recap**- Dave reported that he had not received the invoice from the Marriott but would likely get it for inclusion on the July billing cycle. Dave anticipates conference profit to be around $26,000 against a budgeted amount of $17,000. This is due to higher registration and sponsorship than expected.
3. **Colorado Legislative Update**- Craig absent and the state house and senate are in summer recess. Stella mentioned that one of the big areas of discussion is the topic of criminal justice reform as it relates to making housing available to released individuals with criminal records.

Dave mentioned he had been contacted by Congressman Joe Neguse’s office to consider organizing roundtables the week of August 26 to discuss proposed housing legislation as well as affordable housing in general. It was agreed that doing this kind of outreach would be a good membership benefit and show members how CoNAHRO is working on their behalf. Dave will get more information and communicate with the Board on next steps.

There was also discussion on ways to circulate and make available the weekly state legislative report that is provided by Housing Colorado. It was agreed that Dave will post the weekly reports on the webpage and notify members of this new service.

1. **Outreach Coordinator- Troy Gladwell-** Troy reported that the outreach committee comprised of himself, Peter Lifari and Ismael Guerrero have conducted interviews in the past week. They received many applications and are finding some quality individuals. Further details on the process for selection are forthcoming.
2. **Educational Scholarship Update**- Daniel Murray reported that he is collecting fund disbursement information on the three selected recipients and will work with Dave on the final distribution of funds. Masouda Omar indicated that CoNAHRO could submit scholarship funding requests to CHFA as they have funds available.
3. **Poster Contest Results**- Dave Martens reported that three Colorado poster contest winners competed in the regional competition at the Billings conference and two of the three Colorado posters were selected to go on to the national NAHRO competition. The Colorado winners were from Aurora Housing Authority (2) and Boulder Housing Partners (1).

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1. **New Business**
2. **2020 Conference Site Selection**- Dave Martens requested input on where we want to do the 2020 conference. After some discussion it was agreed that the Vail area nicely serves our membership in terms of access from all points of the state. Dave mentioned that from a conference planner’s point of view, the Vail Marriott is a great choice. Most agreed but we want to consider whether there are other options is the Vail area for comparison sake. Dave will also look at Keystone and Breckenridge and report back his findings and recommendations at the next meeting.
3. **National NAHRO Committee Reports**- No reports given.
4. **Meeting Schedule**
5. Next meeting is August 13 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am at Metro West in Lakewood. Future meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of every month at the same place and time. Dave will send out Outlook invites.

**IX. Adjournment**

As there was no other business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.